



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the Application of:
Marek Z. Kubin and Raymond G. Goodwin

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For: NK CELL ACTIVATION INDUCING LIGAND (NAIL) DNA AND
POLYPEPTIDES, AND USES THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 02 February 2002 (Paper No. 7),
Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks
set forth below.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of 12
December 2001 (paper no. 4), non-elected claims 37-47, 51-53, 58 and 60-72 are hereby
cancelled without prejudice to future filing. Claims 48-50, 54-57, and 59 (Group III)
remain.

Please cancel claims 48-50, 54-57, and 59, and add the following new claims:

73. (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide
encoding a polypeptide at least 80% identical to amino acids 22-221 of SEQ ID NO:2,
wherein the polypeptide binds CD48.

74. (new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 73, wherein the polypeptide
acid sequence is at least 90% identical to amino acids 22-221 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein
the polypeptide binds CD48.

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